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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. At 7:15 a.m. on 17 June 1953, 16 T-34/85 tanks and JS-2 tanks were passing through Potsdam, coming from the direction of Nedlitz and proceeding toward Teltow. [redacted] they had been followed by about 120 tanks of the same types. ¹ 25X1
2. Between 22 and 27 June, a signal unit stationed in Wildpark-West left with billeting equipment for an undetermined destination.
3. [redacted] about 500 tanks were in the area of Fuerstenwalde, proceeding toward Frankfurt/Oder.² On 2 July, the soldiers stationed at the Soviet embassy at Brandenburger Tor, Berlin, were no longer observed. 25X1
4. On 30 June, 30 trucks, [redacted] 15 pontoons and about 300 troops were entrained at the Neuwaldensleben railroad station and left toward Alvensleben. The civilians arrested on 17 June were released on 2 July. It was rumored in the Haldensleben area that the troops would leave. Motor vehicles [redacted] were observed in Neuwaldensleben. 25X1
5. At about 9 a.m. on 18 June, 42 T-34/85 tanks and 17 JS-2 tanks passed through Vogelsang, coming from the direction of Templin and proceeding toward Freienwalde. [redacted] the tanks went toward [redacted] 25X1
6. At 11 p.m. on 6 June, 10 x 76.2-mm AA guns, 22 trucks with equipment and about 150 to 180 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were detrained at the military ramp in Frankfurt/Oder. [redacted] The detrained unit left for the Artillerie Kaserne. 25X1

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Comment. The tanks, the number of which is exaggerated, possibly belonged to a unit which had left Berlin. It is not possible to further identify the unit.

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Comment. The loading involved units of the 121st (?) Gds Engr Bn of the 7th Gds Tank Div. The battalion presumably transferred to the engineer training site at Dessau.

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Comment. [redacted] the tank units belong to the 25th Tank Div from Prenzlau. Units of the division, which probably had been scheduled for employment in Berlin but apparently had not been employed there, arrived in Oranienburg as early as 17 June. [redacted] The tank units observed possibly moved to Prenzlau.

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Comment. Probably one of the three shipments which went from Jueterbog to Frankfurt/Oder with units of the 32d AAA Div [redacted] between 5 and 7 June.

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